

that it also jumps  
for every other man  
he imagines it is  
like mexican beans  
jumping all the time  
and he tried to destroy  
it with choice names  
but I am afraid  
the arms, legs, feet,  
mouth and active desires  
will still go on  
not necessarily  
dominated by the box.

### The Last Hold Outs

these two aged sisters  
own their old family home  
located downtown Hollywood Blvd.  
and have refused all offers  
to sell through the years  
as business and commercialism  
crowded the street

they both dress  
in rags and charge  
50¢ daytime parking  
\$1 nighttime parking  
in their front and backyard  
they rent two small stores  
on their property  
and outdoor spaces along the Blvd.

one sister is  
in charge of renting  
the other handles parking  
which rich business men  
driving big cars  
who eat and drink for hours  
down the street  
at the Greek Village  
sometimes refuse to pay

last night Grace  
stayed up until midnight  
and stood in front of  
the 73 Lincoln  
determined to get her  
\$1 parking from four men  
but two of them, high from drinking  
got out and moved her aside  
while they drove off free

these sisters both wear  
old tennis shoes on red feet  
decaying from bad  
circulation or bad wine  
and their dresses  
are always the same  
one sister wears a black hat  
but they hold out  
and hold out  
and talk of when the Blvd.  
was lined with houses more  
elegant than their own  
and of the hardwood floors  
in their house still  
being in good condition

I see

before the A-bomb hits  
Los Angeles there will be  
war, much fighting  
and so many hurt  
that flying in the air  
will be a slow moving  
blimp-like hospital  
and helicopters will  
bring the wounded  
to this flying aid-station  
quickly from the battlefield  
and this hospital  
marked with a large red cross  
will be flying over the city  
when the A-bomb hits and  
explodes billowing its  
deadly barrel of smoke upward  
only the lucky  
leaving their possessions  
might flee fast enough  
to save themselves

when these lazy  
days of laying  
and loving and talking  
with you are over  
I'll remember  
the way you  
tilted your head  
when you teased me  
the way you said